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This document was produced by the Family Resource Center, a federally funded project designed to develop and share resources and information on youth services, child abuse and neglect, and child welfare in Region VIII, which includes Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. This resource guide contains introductory statistical information on the Indian population and state foster care of Indian children in the region. The major part of the guide lists resources pertaining to services for American Indian youth. The listings in the resource guide pertain to various topic areas, such as strengthening Indian families and youth, strengthening Indian identity, youth participation and development, teen parenting among Indian youth, youth abuse and neglect among American Indians, drug abuse and Indian youth, delinquency and status offenders, runaways, residential treatment facilities, independent living programs and emancipation services, and suicide among Indian youth. Each listing contains names and addresses of national resources, specific Indian programs, contacts in and out of the region, ideas for funding sources, and a bibliography. Six selected youth programs in Region VIII that serve Indian youth are described in the last section of the guide. (ERB)

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Introduction

The Family Resource Center is a federally funded project designed to develop and share resources and information on youth services, child abuse and neglect, and child welfare in Region VIII, which consists of six states and 23 tribes.

The American Indian youth population is increasing, and Indian youths are vulnerable to stress and cross cultural adjustments in a complex world.

This Resource Guide will enable providers of service to American Indian youth to better understand, implement and deliver programs to this diverse population with many needs and expectations.

In order to complete this Guide, members of a region-wide Task Force of American Indian youth providers were asked to participate by giving their recommendations as to the content areas needed in a Resource Guide for working with youth from various tribal nations in this area. This Guide is an attempt to integrate their ideas and suggestions into a workable packet for networking and sharing of resources from this region.

The Region VIII Family Resource Center wishes to acknowledge the individuals and agencies that assisted in the development of this resource guide. Many of those individuals and agencies are listed as resources in the guide itself.

In particular, the Center appreciates the assistance of the Indian Youth Network members who have affirmed the need for resources for Indian youth service programs. Those individuals and their programs are listed on the following page.

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Information on American Indians in Region VIII

Native American Population
Region VIII
1980 U.S. Census

Total U.S. Population: 226,504,825
American Indian, Eskimo,Aleut 1,418,195* (6%)
*(actual number is probably larger)

	Colorado	Montana	N.Dakota	S.Dakota	Utah	Wyoming	Region
Population by State	2,888,834	786,690	652,695	690,178	1,461,037	470,816	6,950,250
Percent of Region Total	41.6	11.3	9.4	9.9	21	6.8	
Native American Population	18,059	37,270	20,157	45,101	19,256	7,125	146,968
% of Region's Native Amer.	12.3	25.4	13.7	30.7	13.1	4.8	
% of Total State Pop.	.6	4.7	3.1	6.5	1.3	1.5	

National ranking of Region VIII states by Native American Population is: South Dakota (8th), Montana (12th), North Dakota (16th), Utah (18th), Colorado (19th), and Wyoming (25th).

States having larger Native American populations than South Dakota are: California, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, North Carolina, Alaska and W shington. Between South Dakota and Montana are Texas, Michigan and New York.

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American Indian Children in State Foster Care (1982)[1]

	Colorado	Montana	N.Dakota	S.Dakota	Utah	Wyoming
Indian Pop. (under 21)	7,763	18,988	11,022	24,832	11,132	3,460
In Foster Care[2]	40	171	226	488	145	13

[1] Data from Voluntary Cooperative Information System (VCIS)
[2] Number of children in foster care on any one day in 1982

The number of Indian children in State foster care systems varies from 0 to 622. There are 13 states with 100 or more Indian children in the State's foster care systems; the largest number of Indian children in a State's foster care system is 622, in Minnesota. Arizona and New Mexico, which have large numbers of Indian children less than 21 years have very low rates, 10 and 13 respectively. These figures do not include the Indian children in foster care under the supervision of the Indian Tribal Organizations or private arrangements. Consequently, the reported State figure undercounts Indian children in foster care which may account for the low rates in some states with large numbers of Indian Children. (p.2)

**Source: Charles P. Gershenson, "Race and Ethnicity of Children in State Foster Care Systems," Child Welfare Research Notes #7, (May 1984). Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Office of Human Development Services, Box 1182, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Resource Guide by Topic Area

Topic: **Strengthening Indian Families and Youth**

1. National Resources:

   * American Indian Law Center, Inc.
     117 Stanford, N.E.
     Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196

   * National American Indian Court Judges Association
     1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Suite 401
     Washington, D.C. 20036

   * Terry Cross, Director
     Northwest Indian Child Welfare Institute
     C/O RR 1
     Box 751
     Portland, OR 97207

2. Specific Indian programs:

   * Sisseton-Wahpeton Juvenile Intervention Center
     Box 262
     Sisseton, South Dakota 57262
     (605) 698-3495

   * Charles Hall Youth Program
     Box 1995
     Bismarck, North Dakota 58502
     (701) 255-2773

   * Save the Children
     American Indian Nations Program
     Ganado, Arizona 86505

   * Anishinaubag Program
     Leo J. Wilkie
     RR 1, Box 210
     Dunseith, North Dakota 58329

3. Ideas for funding sources:

   * U. S. Department of Health and Human Services
   * Indian Health Services (Area offices)
   * Tribal
   * Private foundations
   * Bureau of Indian Affairs

4. Contacts:

In region:

* Denver Indian Center
  4407 Morrison Road
  Denver, Colorado 80219
  (303) 936-2688

* Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs
  State Capital Room 144
  Denver, Colorado 80203

* Betty Keegan
  Rolette County Social Services
  406 E. Main Ave.
  Rolla, North Dakota 58367

Out of region:

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  Sun Eagle
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  Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
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* Carl Hammerschlog, M.D.
  Chief of Psychiatry
  Phoenix Indian Health Service
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  Haines Hall
  UCLA
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5. Bibliography:

Baylor, Byrd. Yes Is Better Than No. Avon Books: New York, 1977.

Blanchard, Evelyn. "Social Work With American Indians." Social Work Journal, 1972.

Morey, Sylvester M., and Olivia Gilliam, eds. Respect for Life: The Traditional Upbringing of American Indian Children. New York: Myrin Institute Books, 1974.

Topic: **Strengthening Indian Identity**

1. National Resources:

   * National Congress of American Indians
     2025 'I' Street, N.W. #320
     Washington, D.C. 20006

   * National Indian Health Board
     1602 S. Parker Road, Suite 200
     Denver, Colorado 80231
     Jake Whitecrow, Director
     (303) 752-0931

2. Specific Indian programs:

   * Inter-Tribal Heritage Youth Project
     3401 Pecos
     Denver, Colorado 80211
     (303) 892-1223

   * Gila River Tribal Social Services
     Sacaton, Arizona 85247
     (602) 5622-3396

3. Ideas for funding sources:

   * National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
   * Indian Health Service
   * Private foundations .

4. Contacts:

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     New Town, North Dakota
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Out of region:

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  Tempe, Arizona 85282
  (602) 965-3304

5. Bibliography:

Bataille, Gretchen M., and Kathleen Sands. American Indian Women: Telling Their Lives. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1984.

Greenberg, Joanne. L'Olam and White Shell Woman. Contact: Elissa Tivora, 1314 Marion Street, Denver, Colorado (303) 837-0173 for the film adaptation.

Long, Kathleen. "The Experience of Repeated and Traumatic Loss Among Crow Indian Children: Response Patterns and Intervention Strategies." American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 53 (January 1983).

Mandelbaum, David. "The Study of Life History: Gandhi." Current Anthropology, 14 (June 1973).

Vizenor, Gerald. Earthdivers: Tribal Narratives on Mixed Descent. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1981.

Topic: **Youth Participation/Development**

(services/programs for Indian youth that focus on the strengths/resources of youth, rather than being limited to their problems)

1. National Resources:

   * National Commission on Resources for Youth
     605 Commonwealth Avenue
     Boston, Massachusetts 02212
     (617) 353-3309

   * Associates for Youth Development, Inc.
     Box 36748
     Tucson, Arizona 85740
     (602) 297-1056

   * Center for Youth Development and Research
     University of Minnesota
     1985 Buford Ave.
     386 McNeal Hall
     St. Paul, Minnesota 55108
     (612) 376-7624

   * National Peer Counseling Association
     c/o Ray Zarvell, Director
     Education Department
     Bradley University
     Peoria, Illinois 61625

2. Specific Indian program:

   * Menominee Positive Youth Development Project
     Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
     Box 429
     Keshena, Wisconsin 54135
     (715) 799-3348

   * Cherokee Nation Youth Leadership Program
     Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
     Box 948
     Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464
     Mose Killer, Director
     (917) 456-0671

3. Ideas for funding sources:

   * Youth Development Bureau
   * Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Office of Human Development Services
   * Private foundations (those interested in youth leadership/development)

4. Contacts:

In region:

* Mountain Plains Youth Services Coalition
  1424 W. Century Ave., Suite 210
  Bismarck, North Dakota 58501
  (701) 255-7229

  (member agencies within the Coalition have youth participation programs within their agencies)

Out of region:

* National Network of Runaway and Youth Services, Inc.
  905 6th Street, S.W., Suite 612
  Washington, D.C. 20024
  (202) 488-0739

  (The Network has a committee on youth participation; also member agencies have youth participation programs within their agencies)

* Positive Youth Development Initiative
  30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 908
  Madison, Wisconsin 53703
  (608) 255-6351

* Jim Kielsmeier
  National Youth Leadership Council
  Center for Youth Development and Research
  University of Minnesota
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5. Bibliography:

Hall, McClellan, and James Kielsmeier. "Youth Take the Lead: Cherokee Nation's Approach to Leadership." St. Paul, Minnesota: National Youth Leadership Council, 1984. (mimeographed)

Kohler, Mary Conway. Young People Learning to Care: Making A Difference through Youth Participation. New York: The Seabury Press, 1983.

Reiter, James, and Alan Caldwell. "Getting the Most Out of Hard Times: The Menominee Youth Development Corporation." New Designs for Youth Development, 4 (May-June 1983) pp. 15-17.

Youth Participation: An Everyday Affair. Albany, New York: New York State Council on Children and Families, 1982. Available from: New York State Council on Children and Families, Empire State Plaza, Tower Building, 28th Floor, Albany, New York 12223.

Youth Participation in Youth Advocacy. New York: National Commission on Resources for Youth (NCRY), 1982. Available from: NCRY, 605 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Massachusetts 02215 (617) 353-3309.

Topic: **Teen Parenting Among Indian Youth**

1. National Resources:

   National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting
   512 West Fourth Street
   Ft. Worth, Texas 76102
   (817) 332-6191

2. Specific Indian programs:

   * Teen Indian Parents Program
     Division of Indian Work
     3045 Park Avenue
     Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

     This program is designed to work with adolescent fathers.

   * Teen Indian Pregnancy Prevention Services (TIPPS)
     Vanessa Carter, Director
     Seattle Indian Health Board
     Box 3364
     Seattle, Washington 98114
     (206) 324-9360

   * "Teaching Parenting Education Skills in the Native American Community" by Anita Phillis and Patti Abraham
     Indian Health Care Resource Center
     915 South Cincinnati
     Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119
     (918) 582-7225

3. Ideas for funding sources:

   * Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Program
     Grants Management Division
     712 H Humphrey Building
     200 Independence Avenue, SW
     Washington, D.C. 20003
     (202) 472-5582

   * Project Redirection
     Manpower Demonstration
     Research Corp.
     Three Park Ave.
     New York, New York 10016
     (212) 532-3200

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  St. Lukes's Hospital
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  United Tribes of North Dakota
  Bismarck, North Dakota
  (701) 222-1163

Out of region:

* Cheryl M. Lucas
  Division of Indian Work
  Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
  3045 Park Avenue
  Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407
  (612) 827-1795

* New Futures, Inc.
  2120 Louisiana, N.E.
  Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

5. Bibliography:

Family Resource Coalition Report, (September 1983).

Farr, Linda, and Catherine Monserrat. Teen-Age Pregnancy: A New Beginning. Albuquerque: New Futures, Inc., 1978.

Zelnick, Melvin, and John F. Kantner. "First Pregnancies to Women ages 15-19 in 1971." Family Planning Perspectives, Vol. 10:11, 1978.

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Topic: **Youth Abuse and Neglect among American Indians**

1. National Resources:

   * Urban Indian Child Resource Center
     Carol Baines, Director
     Oakland, California
     (415) 832-2386

   * Indian Youth of America
     Box 2786
     Sioux City, Iowa 51106
     (712) 276-0794

2. Ideas for funding sources:

   * Indian Child Welfare Act (Title II)
   * Tribal
   * Health and Human Services
   * private foundations

4. Contacts:

   In region:

   * Denver Indian Health Board
     2035 East 18th Street
     Denver, Colorado 80206
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   * Denver Family Crises Center
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     Denver, Colorado 80204
     (303) 595-1951

   * Salish-Kootenai Social Services
     Box 278
     Pablo, MT. 59855
     (406) 675-4600

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     Arizona State University
     School of Social Work
     Tempe, Arizona 85282

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     Sacaton, Arizona 85247
     (602) 562-3396

5. Bibliography:

Johnston, Patrick. Native Children and the Child Welfare System. Toronto: Canadian Council on Social Development in association with James Lorimer and Company, 1983.

The Phoenix from the Flame: The American Indian Today. Special issue of Social Casework, (October 1980).

Swenson, Janet, and Gail Rosenthal, eds. Warm Springs: A Case Study Approach to Recognizing the Strengths of American Indian and Alaska Native Families. Washington, D.C.: American Academy of Child Psychiatry, 1980. Available from American Academy of Child Psychiatry, 1424 16th Street NW, Suite 201A, Washington D.C. 20036, (202) 462-3754

Swenson, Janet P., ed. Supportive Care, Custody, Placement and Adoption of American Indian Children. Washington, D.C.: American Academy of Child Psychiatry, 1977. Available from above address.

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Topic: Drug Abuse and Indian Youth

1. National Resources:

   * National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information
     9119 Gaither Road
     Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760

2. Specific Indian Programs:

   * Inter-Tribal Heritage Project
     Youth Program
     3401 Pecos
     Denver, Colorado 80211
     (303) 892-1223

3. Ideas for funding sources:

   * State Alcohol & Drug Abuse Division
   * Indian Health Service
   * Private foundations

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     Sisseton, S.D 57262
     (605) 698-3911

   * Jeff Hansen, Program Director
     Charles Hall Youth Services
     PO Box 1995
     Bismarck, N.D.
     (701) 255-2773

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     Western Behavioral Studies
     Colorado State University
     Ft. Collins, Colorado 80523
     (303) 491-6827

   * Colorado:
     Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division
     Department of Health
     4210 E. 11th Avenue
     Denver, Colorado 80220

   * Montana:
     Addictive Diseases Division
     Department of Institutions
     1539 11th Avenue
     Helena, Montana 59601

* North Dakota:
  Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
  Department of Health
  909 Basin Avenue
  Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

* South Dakota:
  Division of Drugs and Substance Control
  Department of Health
  Joe Foss Building
  Pierre, South Dakota 57501

* Utah:
  Division of Alcoholism and Drugs
  554 South 300 East
  Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

* Wyoming:
  Drug Abuse Programs
  State Office Building West
  Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

Out of region:

* Red Star Mothers
  2741 Columbus Avenue
  Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407
  (612) 871-9251

* Charles Norman
  American Indian Institute
  University of Oklahoma
  Norman, Oklahoma 73019

* Parents Anonymous
  Program for Native Americans
  2415 E. Fillmore Street
  Phoenix, Arizona 85008
  (602) 273-6961

5 Bibliography:

Come Closer Around the Fire: Using Tribal Legends, Myths, and Stories in Preventing Drug Abuse. Rockville, Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Drug Abuse, 1978. (Reprinted 1980).

Life Skills for Mental Health (K-8). Atlanta: Georgia Department of Human Services.

Oetting, E.R., and Fred Beauvais. Drug Abuse Among Native American Youth: Summary of Findings (1975-1981). Fort Collins: Western Behavioral Studies, Colorado State University.

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Topic: **Delinquency and Status Offenders**

1. National Resources:

   * Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
     U.S. Department of Justice
     633 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
     Washington, D.C. 20531
     (202) 724-7751

   * Youth Development Bureau (YDB)
     Administration for Children, Youth, and Families
     U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
     400 South Street, Room 5839
     Washington, D.C. 20201
     (202) 755-8208

   * National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
     University of Nevada-Reno
     Box 8978
     Reno, Nevada 89507
     (702) 784-6012

2. Specific Indian program:

   * Police-Family Liaison (PFL)
     Office of Youth Affairs
     Navajo Nation
     Box 1599
     Window Rock, Arizona 86515
     (602) 871-4941

3. Ideas for funding:

   * OJJDP
   * YDB

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   In region:

   * Mountain Plains Youth Services Coalition
     1424 W. Century Ave., Suite 210
     Bismarck, North Dakota 58501
     (701) 255-7229

   * Russ Van Vleet, Director
     Division of Youth Corrections
     150 West North Temple
     Salt Lake City, Utah 84113
     (801) 533-7107

Out of region:

* Mark Soler, Director
  Youth Law Center
  1663 Mission Street, Suite 500
  San Francisco, California 94103
  (415) 543-3379

5. Bibliography:

American Bar Association. Standards Relating to Youth Service Agencies. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Ballinger, 1980.

Dale, Michael, et al. Your Rights: A Handbook for Native American Youth in Arizona. Phoenix: Phoenix Indian Center, 1982. Available from: Indian Youth Advocacy Project, Urban Indian Law Project, Phoenix Indian Center, 3302 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Arizona 85014 (602) 279-4116.

Davis, Samuel M. Rights of Juveniles: The Juvenile Justice System, 2nd ed. New York: Clark Boardman Company, Ltd., 1984.

Murray, John P. Status Offenders: A Sourcebook. Boys Town, Nebraska: The Boys Town Center, 1983.

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Topic: **Runaways**

1. National Resources:

   * National Network of Runaways and Youth Services, Inc.
     905 6th Street, S.W. ,Suite 612
     Washington, d.C. 20024
     (202) 488-0739

   * Youth Development Bureau
     Ad. for Children, Youth and Families
     U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
     400 Sixth Street, Room 5839
     Washington, D.C. 20201
     (202) 755- 8208

   * CONTACT, INC.
     Box 81826
     Lincoln, Nebraska 68601
     (402) 464-0602
     (referral and resource information on at-risk youth)

2. Specific Indian programs:

   * Fort Belknap Indian Community Council
     Box 249
     Harlem, Montana 59526
     (406) 353-2205 x 251
     Contact person: Warren Matte, Director

   * Juvenile Intervention Center
     Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe
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     Sisseton, South Dakota 57262
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3. Ideas for funding sources:

   * Youth Development Bureau
     Administration for Children, Youth and Families
     (see address above)

   * National Fund for Runaway Children
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     Washington, D.C. 20005

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Pablo, Montana 59855
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Lourie, Ira S., et al. "Adolescent Abuse and Neglect: The Role of Runaway Programs." Children Today, (November-December 1979) pp. 27-29+.

Magri, Nichele R. "Runaway Youth: Government Response to a National Problem." State Legislative Report, Human Resources Series, (February 1982). Available from: National Conference of State Legislatures, 1125 17th Street, Suite 1500, Denver, Colorado 80202.

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Topic: **Residential Treatment Facilities**

1. National Resources:

* National Association of Homes for Children
  200 South Tyron Street, Suite 1500
  Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
  (704) 3766-0291

* CONTACT, INC.
  PO Box 81826
  Lincoln, Nebraska 68501
  (402) 464-0602

* Interstate Consortium on Residential Child Care
  PO Box 1717
  Trenton, New Jersey 08607

* The Villages, Inc.
  PO Box 1695
  Topeka, Kansas 66601
  (913) 267-5900

2. Specific Indian Programs:

* Wild Horse Tribal Youth Ranch
  Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
  Box 249
  Harlem, Montana 59526
  Warren Matte, Director
  (406) 353-2205 x251

* Juvenile Intervention Center
  Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux
  PO Box 262
  Sisseton, South Dakota 57262
  Sandra Circle Bear, Director
  (605) 698-3911

3. Ideas for Funding Sources:

   * State Social Services
   * Foundations
   * Tribal

4. Contacts:

   In Region:

   * Inter-Mountain Deaconess Home for Children, Inc.
     500 South Lamborn
     Helena, Montana 59601
     (406) 442-7920

* Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch
  1732 South 72nd Street West
  Route #1
  Billings, Montana 59106

* Wallace Village for Children
  PO Box 345
  Broomfield, Colorado 80020
  (303) 466-7391

Out of Region:

* Jake Terpstra
  Children's Bureau
  Administration for Children, Youth and Families
  U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  200 Independence Avenue, SW
  Washington, D.C. 20201
  (202) 245-6296

5. Bibliography:

Standards for Group Home Service for Children. New York: Child Welfare League of America, 1978.

Standards for Residential Centers for Children. New York: Child Welfare League of America, 1982.

Whittaker, James K. Family Involvement in Residential Treatment: A Support System for Parents. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1981. (DHHS Publication No. (OHDS) 81-30308).

Topic: **Independent Living Programs and Emancipation Services**

1. National Resources:

   * National Network of Runaways and Youth Services, Inc.
     905 6th Street, SW, Suite 612
     Washington, D.C 20024

     (The National Network has a project that recruits Big Brothers of Big Sisters to work with 16 or 17 year-old youth seeking early independence.)

2. Specific Indian Program:

   * Navajo Youth Home
     Navajo Nation, Division of Social Welfare
     Window Rock, Arizona 86515
     Contact: Wilfred Yazzie, M.S.W.
     (602) 871-4941 x1844

3. Ideas for funding Sources:

   * Administration for Children, Youth and Families
     Office of Human Development Services
     U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

4. Contacts:

   In Region:

   * Janus Project
     2525 South Main
     Salt Lake City, Utah 84115
     Jim Marchel, Project Director
     (801) 466-8720

   * Dale House Project
     8210 North Cascade
     Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903
     George F. Sheffer, III, Director
     (303) 471-0642

   Out of the region:

   * Lane County Children's Services
     1102 Lincoln Street
     Eugene, Oregon 97401
     Brian Simonitch, M.A., Caseworker
     (503) 686-7620

   * Orphan Foundation
     15 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 448
     PO Box 14241
     Washington, D.C. 20044
     Joseph Rivers, President

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5. Bibliography:

Anderson, James C., and Brian Simonitch. "Reactive Depression in Youths Experiencing Emancipation." Child Welfare, 60 (June 1981) pp. 383-390.

Ansell, Dorothy I. Making It On Your Own and The Guidebook to Making It On Your Own. Richmond, Virginia: Region III Resource Center for Children, Youth and Families, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1983.

Cousins, John. Resource List for Independent Living Programs. Denver: Region VIII Family Resource Center, 1983.

Topic: **Suicide Among Indian Youth**

1. National Resources:

   * National Suicide Prevention Center
     National Institute of Mental Health

   * National Clearinghouse for Troubled Youth Contact Inc.
     Box 81826
     Lincoln, Nebraska 63501
     (402) 464-0602

2. Specific Indian programs:

   * Suicide Prevention through the Use of Elders
     Department of Psychiatry
     Oregon Health Sciences University
     3181 Southwest Sam Jackson Park Road
     Portland, Oregon 97201
     (503) 225-5651

3. Ideas for funding sources:

   * National Institute of Mental Health
   * Indian Health Service
   * Private foundations

4. Contacts:

   In region:

   * Inter-Tribal Heritage Program
     3401 Pecos
     Denver, Colorado 80211
     (303) 892-1223

   * Mental Health Association of North Dakota
     Box 160
     Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

   Out of region:

   * Irving N. Berlin, M.D.
     Professor of Psychiatry
     School of Medicine
     University of New Mexico
     Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131
     (505) 843-2945

   * Jerry Levy, Ph.D.
     Professor of Anthropology
     University of Arizona
     Tucson, Arizona 85721

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Berlin, Irving. Linkages for Indian Child Welfare Programs: Suicide Among American Indian Adolescents. Washington, D.C.: National American Indian Court Judges Association, 1984. Available from: National Indian Law Library, 1506 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

Dizmang, L.H., et al. "Adolescent Suicide at an Indian Reservation." American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 44 (January 1974).

Levy, Jerrold. "Navajo Suicide." Human Organization, 24:308-318, 1965.

Selected Programs

INDIAN YOUTH NETWORK

UTE MOUNTAIN INDIAN TRIBE
Family/Child Resource Center
Tribal Social Services
General Delivery
Towaoc, CO 81334

(303) 533-3751

Contact Person: Shanette Keeler, Child Welfare Worker

Goals:
- To reunite families whose children have been placed in substitute care
- To keep families together who are "at risk" of losing custody of their children
- To strengthen intact families

Background: Prior to this program 74% of children were placed off the reservation with histories of long term foster care, and generally placed in non-Indian homes.

Program Description: Counseling, referral, transportation, advocacy, outreach services, parenting skills aimed at strengthening family functioning, coordinated with day care.

Client Characteristics: Parents and children needing support services to remain together and not be separated (underemployed, educationally disadvantaged, drug abusers)

Staff:
- All Indian staff
- Culturally sensitive

Funding:
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- State of Colorado
- Federal

INDIAN YOUTH NETWORK

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION
Family Assistance
Box 278
Pablo, MT 59885

(406) 675-4600

Contact Person: Anna Beth Felsman-Savik

Goals:
- Provide social service to tribal members
- Improve general conditions
- Maintain cultural ties

Background:
- Previously a BIA social services program but but now the Tribe has subcontracted under a 638 contract to provide services.

Program Description:
- General Assistance
- Child Welfare (foster care, cps, adoption)
- Trust Management

Client Characteristics:
- Tribal members, financially, educationally disadvantaged, and alcohol related problems

Staff:
- 12 persons, tribal members generally

Funding:
- 638 contract with BIA
- Indian Child Welfare Act (Title II)

INDIAN YOUTH NETWORK

CHARLES HALL YOUTH SERVICES
P.O. Box 1995
Bismarck, ND 58502

(701) 255-2773

Contact Person: Jeffrey Hanson, Program Director

Goals: Two group Homes, dealing with short term treatment and evaluation, shelter care, and long term care.

Program Description: CHYS operates two homes: GoodBird Home, which combines long term care with emergency placement, runaway program and the like. Group counseling is available as well as individual counseling. The Hall Home program is a short term treatment and evaluation program with more concentrated therapy and a goal of getting the child ready for less restrictive placement, i.e., with the family, in foster care, etc.

The program is very versatile, uses a great deal of local resources and attempts to meet the needs of children as can best be met.

Client Characteristics: Serve youth between 10-18 years old, preference given to Native American clients.

Staff:

- Director
- Program Director
- Two house parents
- Tutors
- Recreational Director
- House parent aide
- Transportation aide

Funding:

60% - fee for service (State, BIA)
30% - private donation
10% - grants

INDIAN YOUTH NETWORK

SISSETON-WAHPETON SIOUX TRIBE
Juvenile Intervention Center
P.O. Box 262
Sisseton, SD 57262

(605) 698-3911

Contact Person: Sandra Circle Bear, Director

Goals: The Juvenile Center is designed to help young people in trouble. The Center works with young individuals with chemical abuse, problems with behavior control, problems with anti-social behavior, family problems, problems with communication and sexual malfunctions.

Program Description: The Juvenile Intervention Center is a program of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe. Located on the Lake Traverse Reservation in Northeastern South Dakota, the Juvenile Intervention Center is a licensed residential facility with a bed capacity of 14, which can serve 8 girls and 6 boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years.

The Center has a highly structured program that addresses behavior, but also provides room for growth and individual freedom.

Client Characteristics: The Juvenile Intervention Center accepts referrals of young people 12-18 years old.

Staff: Unique in the services provided, the Juvenile Center has a highly trained staff working in very low ratios with the residents: 2 students per 1 staff.

We have an all Native American staff working with Native American Children. This, more than anything, has proven most effective.

Funding:
- Tribal
- State

INDIAN YOUTH NETWORK

WIND RIVER ARAPAHOE AND SHOSHONE
Wind River Agency Social Services
Ft. Washakie, WY 82514

(307) 255-8357

Contact Person: Katherine Christiansen

Goals:
- Strengthen Indian family life
- Provide comprehensive programs to reservation families

Program Description:
- General assistance
- Child Welfare (foster care and reunification)
- Nursing home placement and support services
- Trust management

Client Characteristics:
- Tribal members with problems generally related to lack of education, unemployment, and family dysfunction and few resources

Staff:
- Two staff: one supervisor and one social worker assistant

Funding:
- BIA

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INDIAN YOUTH NETWORK

WILD HORSE TRIBAL YOUTH RANCH
Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
Box 249
Harlem, MT 59526

(406) 353-2205 ext. 251

Contact Person: Warren Matte, Director

Goals: To provide ten youths (five boys and five girls) ages 8-18 who are in need of care or supervision, runaways and predelinquent youth.

Program Description: Group and individual counseling sessions. Critical incident meetings are held when needed. Native culture and ceremonies are utilized. Youth residents are encouraged to take part in community and school activities. Sports events, movies, and group trips are scheduled. We are a state licensed facility situated on 85 acres of tribal land.
The program is effective because of cultural intervention and awareness, and the family setting helps to avoid negative institutional effects.

Client Characteristics: Youth who are in need of care or supervision, partially handicapped (physically and mentally), runaways or predelinquents.

Staff: Volunteers: Indian Foster Grandparents (respected Tribal Elders) Local Indian community Board of Directors. Personal donations.

Funding: Heifer Project International ($11,000 grant for livestock development)